SUBJECT No. 339.

Appointment of honorary village members.

Mr. Lakshmi Narasimhachar, Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—For the better management of municipalities, schools, chattrams, temples and such other public institutions, Municipal Commissioners, managing members and Dharmadarsis have been respectively appointed by Government, and by such appointment the abuses existing therein have been removed. Some such arrangement seems highly necessary in villages, where great injustice prevails at present. Respectable raiyats and others may be appointed as honorary members to look after the welfare of the villagers and their work may be supervised by Revenue officers at the time of Jamabandi.

There were no other members to support this.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 340.

Appointment of separate officers in taluks for the Revenue, Police and Judicial functions.

Mr. Lakshmi Narasimhachar, Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Revenue, Police and Judicial functions relating to the taluk administration are now combined in one and the same officer, *viz.*, the Amildar. The work in each of the Departments named above in a taluk, is sufficient to engage the full attention of an active and conscientious officer. It is therefore too much to expect that an Amildar will satisfactorily discharge his duties in all the three Departments under his control. He must necessarily neglect his work in one or two branches, the result being a miscarriage of justice. It is therefore prayed that the system prevailing in the British territories may be introduced into this State.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 341.

Impressing of carriages from outside to be prevented.

Messrs. M. Agarada Ramareddi, Bangalore Taluk, and M. K. Krishna Murti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The carriages which bring goods to the Bangalore market from outside are often pressed for the use of the officers going out on circuit to the great inconvenience of the owners and their helpless cattle. For such purposes local carriages may be engaged or the practice of obtaining them through contractors may be introduced.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 342.

Supply of Government Proceedings books.

Messrs. C. Nagappa and Ganapathi Subhayit, Nagar Taluk, D. S. Gopalachar, Devanhalli Municipality, Naranappa, Karigirappa and Puttanna, Dodballapur.

Summary of discussion.—During the time of Sir Seshadri Iyer, Dewan, Proceedings passed by the Government were being printed in books which were distributed among all Departments.

This was very convenient, as it greatly facilitated reference. But this practice was put an end to during the time of Sir P. N. Krishna Murti, late Dewan. It is therefore requested that Proceedings may be ordered to be printed in books as before.

Reply of Government.—Orders have been issued for reverting to the old system.

SUBJECT No. 343.

Concession to raiyats.

Mr. M. K. Krishna Murti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The raiyats may be said to have indirectly contributed to the increase in the collections which the Government is at present reaping through

Toddy, Forest, Gold Mining, Electric Power and such other sources. But the Government has done nothing to mitigate the suffering of the poor raiyats, who are the mainstay of the Government. Pray that some kind of concession may be granted to the raiyats in whose welfare the Government is interested, for instance, by abolishing Octroi duties, or remitting wet assessment for lands under tanks which do not receive a supply of water.

Reply of Government.—Noted. The question of abolishing the Sayer duty is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 344.

Construction of some lasting work of public utility.

Messrs. Kigga Chennakesava Rao, Halagur Venkatasubbiah and Bettagere Subramanyabhatta, Koppa Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that some lasting work of public utility may be constructed in commemoration of the beneficial and prosperous rule of His Highness the late Maharaja and of our Ruling Sovereign, considering that the revenues of Government have vastly increased.

Reply of Government.—Too vague.

SUBJECT No. 345.

Grant of Christmas holidays.

Messrs. G. Subba Rao and A. Venkatachar, Hole-Narsipur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Christmas holidays are unnecessary for Hindus; instead of those, extra holidays may be allowed to them during the Dasara to enable worship, etc., being performed by them.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao suggested that the Dasara holidays might be extended by two days.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 346.

Discontinuance of the system of taking finger-impressions.

Mr. Guru Rao, Nanjangud Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The practice of taking finger-impressions has tended towards the increase of work and inconvenience while no good is derived from it. It is therefore prayed that this practice be put a stop to.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 347.

Expenditure on Education.

Mr S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—In the statement annexed to the Dewan's address, on the expenditure side the amount spent on the tutorial staff of (1) 'Boys' Schools and (2) Girls' Schools and (3) the amount spent on the inspection staff may be separately mentioned. The statement may also mention the amounts spent on the tutorial staff of (1) Primary and Lower Secondary (Boys) Schools, (2) High Schools for boys and (3) Colleges for boys. At present nearly 30 per cent (seven lakhs) of the total revenue is spent on Education but it is not known how much of this is expended under the above heads. It is essential that the money spent on inspection staff may be as small as possible, inasmuch as the efficiency of the Department depends more on the employment of better paid and well educated teachers than on the frequency of inspections. Circle Inspectors' appointments may be abolished. The amount that would thus be saved may be expended in improving the prospects of teachers in primary schools.

Reply of Government—Noted. The information will be furnished to the member.